## PRELIMINARY DRAFT No. 3404

## PREPARED BY LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY 2008 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## **DIGEST**

Citations Affected: IC 14-22.

**Synopsis:** Apprentice hunting licenses. Establishes an apprentice hunting license that allows an individual to hunt when accompanied by a hunter who is at least 18 years of age. Provides that an apprentice hunter is not required to take the hunter education course and may not obtain more than three apprentice licenses in the individual's lifetime.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 14-22-11-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 5. (a) This section does not apply to an individual issued an apprentice license under IC 14-22-12-1.7.

- **(b)** In addition to other requirements for obtaining a hunting license, a person born after December 31, 1986, must have successfully completed the course of instruction in hunter education offered by the department or the department's agent under IC 14-22-35.
- (b) (c) If an applicant for a hunting license who is subject to subsection (a) requests that a hunter education course be offered in the applicant's county of residence, the department or the department's agent shall offer a hunting safety course under IC 14-22-35 in the applicant's county of residence not more than ninety-two (92) days after receiving a request.

SECTION 2. IC 14-22-12-1.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 1.7. (a) As used in this section, "apprentice hunter" means an individual who hunts under an apprentice hunting license issued under this section.

- (b) The department may issue an apprentice hunting license to a resident or nonresident in lieu of any hunting license authorized under section 1 of this chapter.
- (c) The commission shall establish a fee to be paid by an applicant for an apprentice hunting license issued under this section.
- (d) An apprentice hunter may hunt in Indiana without completing the course of instruction in hunter education offered by the department or the department's agent under IC 14-22-35.
  - (e) While hunting, an apprentice hunter must:
    - (1) comply with the requirements under this article and the rules adopted by the director; and

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1	(2) be accompanied by an individual who:
2	(A) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
3	(B) either holds a valid hunting license issued under this
4	chapter or is not required to have a hunting license under
5	IC 14-22-11.
6	(f) An individual described in subsection (e)(2) who accompanies
7	an apprentice hunter:
8	(A) must be in close enough proximity to monitor the
9	apprentice hunter's activities and communicate with the
10	apprentice hunter at all times; and
11	(B) may not accompany more than two (2) holders of an
12	apprentice hunting license at one (1) time.
13	(g) An individual may not purchase more than three (3)
14	apprentice hunting licenses of any type during the individual's
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